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On November 26, 1963, [redacted], an admitted former Soviet intelligence officer, furnished the following information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife:

[redacted] does not believe the Soviet Government had any knowledge of Oswald's plans to assassinate President Kennedy; however, he does believe that Oswald and his wife had some connection with the Russian intelligence service. He said the Soviet Government undoubtedly has a file on Oswald and feels that it should be requested to furnish information regarding Oswald's activities while in the Soviet Union. Normally, when an individual leaves the Soviet Union and has been working for the government, he would be furnished some clothes and transportation expenses to his destination. Since this was not done, [redacted] feels that Oswald's departure from the Soviet Union was planned by the intelligence service. Oswald must have been investigated upon his arrival in the Soviet Union and probably lived in Moscow while he was undergoing investigation prior to his going to Minsk. Also, [redacted] feels that Oswald must have been indoctrinated into the Soviet system prior to his being permitted to return to the United States, or he was considered unstable and allowed to leave as an undesirable. He said Oswald's wife must have been an uneducated peasant type and considered safe to leave the Soviet Union or had connections with the Soviet intelligence service.

[redacted] believes that the wife of Oswald should be observed closely and thoroughly interrogated. [redacted] suggested that among others, the following questions should be asked:

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1. When was it that she first met Oswald and the details concerning such circumstances. [redacted] said that if she was not working for intelligence service at the time of the meeting, she would have been contacted within two days.

2. Where they lived in Minsk and details regarding the type of apartment.

3. Details regarding Oswald's activities while in Minsk during non-working hours.

4. Where did he go and how long was he gone during the evenings.

5. How well did he learn the Russian language.

6. Was she a member of the Komsomol, and were any of her family members of the Communist Party.

7. What station in life did they occupy and were any of them officials of the Soviet Government.

8. Details regarding their securing permission to leave the Soviet Union.

9. Details concerning events leading to their Marriage.

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